I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

THE DIRECTION THAT THE FCC IS GOING IN IS BEGINNING TO FRIGHTEN ME.

IN ITALY WITH BERLUSCONI OWNING MOST OF THE MEDIA (PRINT, RADIO AND TV STATIONS), ALTERNATIVE POINTS OF VIEW ARE REDUCED AND TRYING TO MAKE AN INFORMED AND EDUCATED DECISION BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT.

THE BOARD'S TRYING TO REMOVING THE "CABLE OWNERSHIP CAP" AND "CROSS OWNERSHIP RULE" SEEMS TO BE APPROACHING THAT SAME END.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST MUST BE PRESERVED TO ENSURE AN OPEN AND FREE SOCIETY.

PLEASE WIDEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE TO ALSO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST ALONG WITH THE CORPORATION'S INTEREST.